

## Walnut Council Annual Meeting Tour Descriptions

### **Field Tour Highlights**

The Monday, July 30 tour of the Bohlin family **End-O-Way Farm near Stitzer, Wisconsin** will give a great view of the Driftless Region of southwest Wisconsin and the beautiful timber growing there. Oaks and black walnut of all ages and sizes proliferate; conservation projects control erosion and improve water quality; and controlling invasive plants like honeysuckle and buckthorn never ends. Stop discussions will include: native plantings & pollinators, oak savanna and buckthorn management, EQIP and erosion management, walnut natural stand management, maximizing quality in log harvest and processing, oak regeneration, monarch habitat, riparian buffers, and walnut mother trees. See the upcoming May Walnut Council Bulletin for further tour details.

Bus transportation will be provided to this walking tour, and accommodations will be available for those who need assistance. Lunch will be served onsite.

### **Potosi Brewing Company and Two Museums**

Originally founded in 1852 and just a stone's throw from the Mississippi River, this brewery was restored and is a charitable nonprofit. On the way back from the field tour, buses will stop at the brewery so attendees can take the optional brewery tour, visit the two museums onsite, or relax in the brewpub or outdoor patio and enjoy some downtime together. The brewery tour include a guided tour of the brewing process, samples, a Potosi pint glass, and one pint of a Potosi tap beer or root beer. Step inside the Transportation Museum and take a journey through time to see how transportation played a role in the brewing process and how it changed and grew through its 120-year history. The National Brewery Museum™ displays an eclectic collection of beer bottles and cans, glasses, trays, coasters, advertising materials and various other breweriana collectibles. See more at [www.potosibrewery.com](http://www.potosibrewery.com).

### **Optional Pre Conference Tour Description: Sunday July 29**

On Sunday afternoon, attendees can join an optional free field tour on "Agroforestry Practices for Profit and Wildlife Habitat" on the Steve Bertjens property near Kieler, Wisconsin. Topics discussed will include hazelnut production, Christmas tree production, creating wildlife habitat for species requiring early successional woody habitat, and pollinator plantings as biocontrol of crop and tree pests.

Carpool from the Grand Harbor Resort or meet directly at the property. The farm is an easy walk, but if needed folks can be shuttled. Transportation is on your own, the property is 15 minutes north of the hotel. A confirmation with maps and specific details will be provided after registration, please note your interest on the registration form.

### **Optional Spouse Tour Highlights**

#### **Monday, July 30: Explore Wisconsin**

Spouses will board a bus to visit Sinsinawa Mound Center, one of many ministries of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. The site includes 450 acres of lush woodlands, orchards, vineyards, fields, and gardens. Tours include a visit to two museums and Sinsinawa Art Gallery. Visitors are awestruck by the Queen of the Rosary Chapel and its unique circular shape, fluted ceiling, and the 37 diamond and half-diamond shaped stained glass windows. Indoor and outdoor labyrinths and a gift shop and bakery can be explored at your leisure.

Source: <https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/>

**Tuesday, July 31: Explore Dubuque**

The Tuesday tour will explore literally next door to the hotel at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Take an informative, entertaining journey on the Mighty Mississippi: enjoy dynamic aquariums, historical exhibits, a special Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition, and a stroll through the wetlands and boatyard. After the museum tour, we will travel across the street to the Stonecliff Winery for lunch and an optional wine tasting. See more at <https://www.rivermuseum.com/>.

Please consider signing up for the spouse tours in advance so we can plan transportation and lunch, which are included. Spouse tours are included in full registration or can be reserved by the single day, see registration form.